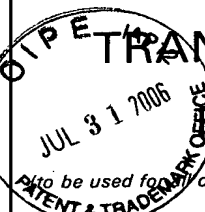


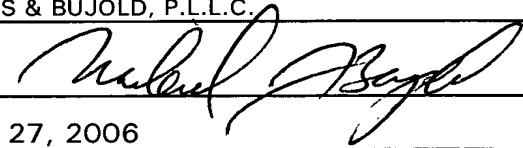
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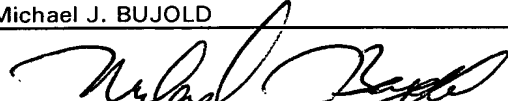
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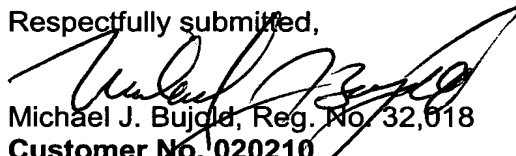
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In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed May 25, 2006, the Examiner provided reasons for allowing this application. While the Applicant generally agrees with the reasons for allowance, the Applicant specifically notes that lines 3-7 of paragraph 2 of the reasons should read, in order to provide consistency with the allowed independent claims, as follows:

. . . claims 7, 15 and 16, and most significantly requires an encircling device including a nozzle which includes a plurality of discharge openings spaced along and communicating with a fluid supply passage having a flow diameter that diminishes in the flow direction between discharge openings so that at each flow diameter, produce a product of fluid flow rate and a cross section area of the flow diameter (9, 10) is a constant. In claim 15, the initial . . . .

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